

men and asked the younger one what was the elder one to him. He replied "He is my father." (Hazrat) Abu Huraira said "Do not call him by name. Do not walk ahead of him and do not sit while he is standing."

3. As long as (Hazrat) Abu Huraira's mother was alive he did not go on a pilgrimage although the pilgrimage is a very important religious duty.

4. Once (Hazrat) Abdullah son of (Hazrat) Omar was on a journey. In the way he came across a Beduine. He took off his own turban and placed it on the head of the Beduine and seated him on his donkey.

His fellow travellers said. "He is a simple rustic and can be pleased with even a trifle. Why have you put yourself to this trouble for him?" Upon this (Hazrat) Abdullah said, "You don't know. His father was a friend of my father and the Prophet has said, that to treat one's father's friends kindly is an act of very great merit."

5. When (Hazrat) Abu Darda was in his illness (Hazrat) Yousaf bin Abdullah bin Salan undertook a long journey in order to inquire after his health.

When he called at (Hazrat) Abu Darda he asked him what business had brought him to that city. "I had no private business here," replied Yousaf, "I have come only to inquire after your health because your father and mine were friends".

STORY 27.

A MUSLIM AND ORPHANS.

Once an orphan boy brought a suit against a certain person about the possession of a palm garden. But for want of sufficient evidence the suit was dismissed by the Prophet. Upon this the orphan boy burst into tears. The Prophet's heart was touched and he requested the winner of the case to let the orphan have the garden telling him that he would get the reward of this good act in the next world. But the man refused to part with the garden.

(Hazrat) Abu Darda was present and heard what was said by the Prophet. He approached the man and asked him if he would exchange that garden for his. The man replied in the affirmative, (Hazrat) Abu Darda went to the Prophet, and in his presence made a gift of the garden to the orphan.